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Dear Mr Fillary

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On Wednesday 20th March 1991, our agent attended at the [redacted] workplace, News of the World (Regional Office), 124 Portman Street, Kinning Park, Glasgow. On his arrival, he noted these premises were owned and operated by News International Newspapers (Scotland) Limited. On calling into the Reception area, our agent spoke with a Security Guard/Receptionist. He firstly stated that he did not think that Mr Collier was in the building at present but on telephoning Mr Collier's Office, he spoke to someone called "Stuart." He thereafter passed the telephone to our agent and stated that he was in after all.

Our agent thereafter spoke to "Stuart" on the telephone and asked if he was "Stuart Collier." The man confirmed that he was indeed Stuart Collier.

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Mr Collier appeared to become suspicious and asked our agent who he was [redacted] whereupon Mr Collier said, "Oh yes" and then added that Stuart Collier was not in at present and that our agent should call back on Thursday 21st March 1991 after 3pm. He thereafter asked to speak to the Security Guard again. Our agent thereafter handed the telephone back to the Security Guard and the Security Guard again called the man "Stuart." The Guard thereafter advised our agent that Mr Collier was not in and gestured our agent to leave the building. On his way out, our agent heard the Security Guard give "Mr Collier" a description of himself.

At 3.15pm on Thursday 21st March 1991 one of our other agents [redacted]

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returned to News International Newspapers (Scotland) Limited, 124 Portman Street, Kinning Park, Glasgow, where he too had no choice but to speak to the Security Guard on duty within the Reception area. He advised our agent that Stuart Collier was out working on stories in Edinburgh and was unable to advise our agent when he would be returning.

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As a result [redacted] at 10.10am on Wednesday 27th March 1991, one of our other agents attended at the [redacted] place of employment where he spoke to the Security Guard and was advised that Stuart Collier was out. The Security Guard further stated that he had absolutely no idea when to expect Mr Collier to return and he explained that he only worked there as a Freelance Journalist and that he only called into the Offices every so often. He further stated that no-one else was within the News of the World Department at that time but he did provide our agent with the telephone number for the building as 041 420 1000.

At 1.40pm that same date, our agent telephoned News International Newspapers (Scotland) Limited where a female Telephone Operator put him through to the News of the World desk. [redacted] He thereafter telephoned the Receptionist again who subsequently identified herself as "Sharon." She confirmed that Stuart Collier was out and stated that his mobile telephone number was 0831 577920. She described him as the Main Reporter with the News of the World and she too stated that he was usually always out of the Office and does not have a regular time when he returns to the Office.

Our agent thereafter telephoned the mobile number provided [redacted] which was answered by a man with an English accent. Our agent asked if he could speak to "Stuart" and the man confirmed that he was "Stuart." Our agent thereafter attempted to speak to him on a pretext in order to arrange a meeting with him but he appeared to become evasive and advised our agent that Mr Collier was on holiday for 3 weeks and stated that he did not know where he resided. He however took a note of our agent's telephone number and stated that he would pass it on to him if he bumped into him. [redacted]

Our agent thereafter immediately telephoned News International Newspapers (Scotland) Limited again where he again spoke to "Sharon." She sounded puzzled and stated that Stuart Collier was definitely not on holiday and had in fact phoned in a report the previous day. She confirmed his mobile telephone number was 0831 577920 and also stated that he could possibly be contacted on [redacted]

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[redacted] "Sharon" refused to give out Stuart Collier's home telephone number and address but did take a note of our agent's telephone number and stated that she would pass it on to him.

At 9.30am on Thursday 29th March 1991, our agent again telephoned News International Newspapers (Scotland) Limited where he asked to speak to Stuart Collier. A female who answered the telephone however advised our agent that he was on holiday for 3 weeks. She explained that he had telephoned in the previous day stating that he was taking 3 weeks holiday. Our agent gained the impression that she too was being evasive and covering up for him now. Our agent again telephoned the mobile number he had previously been given for the Respondent but was unable to obtain any response.

At 11.45am on Tuesday 2nd April 1991, our agent again telephoned the mobile number that he had been given for the Respondent but the man he spoke to, who he believed to be [redacted] Stuart Collier, gave his name as Stuart Stevenson. He again stated that Collier was on holiday for 3 weeks and refused to divulge any details of his home address. Our agent spoke to him on the pretext that he was wanting to meet him to give him information on a story but "Mr Stevenson" stated that he was not interested and thereafter hung up.

We confirm receiving your telephone call at 4.40pm on that same date, informing us that you had telephoned the subject's place of employment and confirmed that he was within the building at that time. As a result, our agent immediately attended at the subject's place of employment, where on his arrival at 4.50pm, he again had to speak to the Security Guard and asked for Stuart Collier. The Security Guard however sounded evasive and stated that Stuart Collier had not been in all that day. On our agent's request, he thereafter telephoned Mr Collier's Office but our agent was able to hear the telephone ring out.

Our agent thereafter left the building and immediately telephoned the subject's place of employment from his car, which was parked outside. A female he spoke to however advised our agent that Mr Collier had left the Office a short time ago.

On your request, we continued with our enquiries [redacted] by making telephone calls to the subject's place of employment, in an effort to establish if he was there or not. Our agent telephoned these premises at 9.30am and 12.30pm, but on each occasion, he was advised that Collier was not in the building.

At 5.30pm that same date, our agent again attended at the subject's place of employment where he spoke to the Security Guard on duty. He asked him if Mr Collier was in at that time but he advised our agent that he was not. Our agent thereafter decided to briefly advise the Security Guard of the reason for his enquiries and on doing so, the Security Guard stated that he would speak to the M.D. He thereafter left and went into another Office.

A short time later, the Security Guard returned and explained that the "M.D." was not pleased with the situation and would definitely talk with Mr Collier the next time he came in. He stressed that the M.D. stated that he would instruct Mr Collier not to be evasive when our agent next called [redacted]. He further stated that if Mr Collier continued to be evasive, the M.D. would disclose Mr Collier's home address to our agent [redacted]

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The Security Guard thereafter apologised to our agent for his previous behaviour saying that he was "just doing his job." He explained that he had no choice in the matter but assured our agent that it would not happen again if he was to call back at a later date when Mr Collier would be in. He however again stressed that he had absolutely no idea when Mr Collier would next be in the building.

By sheer coincidence, whilst our agent was outside the subject's place of employment, he bumped into an old acquaintance of his who he learned is now a Journalist for the Sun newspaper. Our agent was informed by his acquaintance that Mr Collier had been avoiding his Office "like the plague" for the last few days. Our agent was then told, under the strictest of confidence, that Mr Collier's home telephone number was in fact [redacted] 2195. Our agent's informant went on to advise him that Mr Collier was staying with a girlfriend at present and unfortunately, he did not know her address. He did however advise our agent that the best time to contact Mr Collier at his place of employment would be on a Saturday morning. He further stated that Mr Collier drove a red Ford Sierra motor car but did not know the registration.

Our agent's informant went on to advise him that Mr Collier is quite a violent man and had a history of violence. He quoted one instance when Mr Collier assaulted a Solicitor in Court. Our agent's informant concluded by advising him that he would contact him should he be able to get an address for Mr Collier.

At 7pm that same date, our agent telephoned the home number for Mr Collier, namely [redacted] 2195, where he spoke to a female. She confirmed that Stuart Collier resided with her but stated that he was out and did not know when to expect him back. Our agent spoke to her on a pretext but despite this, she refused to divulge her home address.

We note that you yourselves should be able to obtain a note of the subject's home address from the home telephone number. We also note that your clients are attempting to [redacted]

Yours faithfully

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